

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, arguing that the claimed subject matter was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, arguing the claims failed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

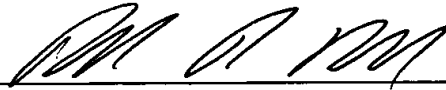
In response to the Examiner's action, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-5, amended independent claim 6 to remove the complained of language, and added new claims 9-11. Applicant respectfully argues that independent claim 6 and its accompanying dependent claims are now allowable.

Applicant amended the claims and specification to clarify the structure which applicant believes distinguishes the invention over the cited references, to clarify the functions of the claimed invention, and to clarify the limitations within the claims drawn to such structure. However, amendments have not been made to narrow the claims of the original application but, rather simple, to clarify claims due to grammar that the Examiner found unclear.

Applicant respectfully requests that this amendment/response be considered by the Examiner and a notice of allowance be entered.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful to the examination and allowance of this application, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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